

STAY MARRIED?

1 Cor 7:7-11

Corinth--much abuse of doctrines concerning marriage.

Jewish mentality--marriage vow good if wife did everything right.

Some promoting--if person saved and spouse not, then unequally yoked...divorce.

1 Corinthians 7:7 Paul not married

Enjoying liberty 1 Corinthians 7:32-33

... after this manner: Like I am, single, unmarried.

and another after that. The gift of marriage. Matthew 19:11-12

I. Unmarried and widows (vv 8-9)

1 Corinthians 7:8 *Unmarried:* never married, or married and divorced.

Widows: married but husbands have died

It is good for them... advantageous, expedient, wholesome
if they abide even as I. To remain, continue single as I am

Status symbol to be married

1 Corinthians 7:9 If can't restrain passions, then pursue marriage.

Better to marry than to burn. Than to be aflame (with passion and tortured continually with ungratified desire.)

Burn: to be inflamed.

Barnes: ...to be the prey of raging, consuming, and exciting passions.

Mt Hen: Marriage is God's remedy for lust. The fire may be quenched by the means he has appointed. And marriage, with all its inconveniences, is much better than to burn with impure and lustful desires.

Marriage is honorable in all. Heb 13:4

II. Christian Couples.

1 Corinthians 7:10 A command for you

From the Lord.

...depart from her husband: leave. To be given space. Be separated from.

Don't desert husband.

Leads to divorce.

Barnes: Paul here refers to a formal and legal separation before the magistrates, and not to a voluntary separation, without intending to be formally divorced.

Usually led to divorce.

Jesus pulls together three OT passages: Matthew 19:4-6

When married, man didn't put you together. God did!

Therefore, man not have power to separate you.

1 Corinthians 7:11

She has two options:

1. Stay unmarried
2. Be reconciled Luke 16:18

Mark 10:2-12 God put them together, stay out of it. Romans 7:2-3

Exception clause:

Matthew 5:32 ... *saving for the cause of fornication,*

Matthew 19:5-9 ... **except it be for fornication,**

Malachi 2

God said

1. Failed to meet wife's need.
2. Violated covenant of marriage.
3. Broken oneness of marriage.
4. Failed to raise godly seed.

Malachi 2:16 *For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away:*

Bottom line: The exception clause in Mt 5 and 19.

Question: imply no remarrying?

Conclusions:

1. God hates divorce—perfect will ... till death do us part.
(Divorce--permissive will)
2. God's perfect what God has put together, let not man put asunder...
3. Exception clause.
4. Even if mate unfaithful, God's perfect will-- reconcile...forgive....restore.

If remarry, then commit adultery. Rom 7; Mk 10; Lk 16

Remarried man can not be:

1. Pastor
2. Deacon

Read v.11. ...*and let not the husband put away his wife.*

Put away: divorce.

Husband not initiate divorce...not force her to leave.

Review: So far, what has Paul told the Corinthian believers?

1. I wish every one of you had the blessing of being single as I.
2. If presently unmarried or a widow...remain
3. If can't control passions...pursue marriage.
4. Remember basics.
 - a. Women, don't' leave your husband.
 - b. Men, don't divorce your wives.